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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NIGERIA: BRIEFING MEMO

1. THE FOLLOWING REPLACES THE SECTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S
BRIEFING MEMO DEALING WITH NAMIBIA.

2. NAMIBIA

US OBJECTIVES: TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE
SETTLEMENT LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AND TO
OBTAIN PUBLIC NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR THE WESTERN SETTLE-
MENT PROPOSALS AS A MEANS OF PRESSURING SWAPO AND
SOLIDIFYING OUR OWN POSITION IF SWAPO SHOULD REJECT THE
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PROPOSALS.

NIGERIAN OBJECTIVES: TO GET US TO EXERT MORE PRESSURE ON
SOUTH AFRICA TO AGREE TO AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE
SETTLEMENT.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: WE HAVE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH

NIGERIA ON NAMIBIA. ALTHOUGH UNWILLING--AND PROBABLY UNABLE--TO BRING STRONG PRESSURE TO BEAR, THE NIGERIANS HAVE COUNSELED SWAPO TO BE FLEXIBLE IN CONSIDERING OUR PROPOSAL. THERE ARE INDICATIONS SWAPO PRESIDENT

NUJOMA RESENTS THIS ADVICE AND DISTRUSTS THE NIGERIANS.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

--WE BELIEVE THE REVISED PROPOSAL, WHICH THE FIVE HAVE JUST DISTRIBUTED, OFFERS A FAIR BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND THE BEST WAY FOR AVOIDING FURTHER BLOOD-SHED AND STRIFE.

--IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM ON NAMIBIA, LEST THE SOUTH AFRICANS SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT". SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL WOULD BE THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT FOR US TO USE IN SECURING SOUTH AFRICA'S AGREEMENT.

--ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SWAPO REJECTS THE PROPOSAL SOUTH AFRICA WILL FEEL FREE TO EMBARK ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND, INDEED, COULD WIN SOME INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT IF SWAPO HAS APPEARED TO BE UNREASONABLE.

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--WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE PARTIES WILL GIVE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION TO OUR PROPOSAL. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE WERE CONCERNED TO LEARN THAT SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA HAS EMBARKED ON A LENGTHY TRIP TO INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

--IN THE INTEREST OF A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA IN KEEPING WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, WE ASK FOR A PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT BY NIGERIA OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL DEVELOPED BY THE CONTACT GROUP. COOPER

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